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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD):

PERMANENT SITE AND FUNDING ISSUES RAISED WITH ITALY

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1. EMBOFF LEFT NOTE VERBALE NOVEMBER 23 ALONG LINES SET OUT REFTEL (A) ON PERMANENT SITE FOR IFAD WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION MINGAZZINI. IN RESPONSE, MINGAZZINI EXPRESSED COMPLETE SUPPORT FOR USG POSITION THAT DISCUSSION OF PERMANENT SITE PREMATURE. ALTHOUGH GOI DESIRES PERMANENT IFAD SITE IN ROME, GOI WILL NOT RPT NOT RAISE SUBJECTSHT DEC. 13 PREPARATORY COMMISSION AND GOI SPOKESMAN WILL REMAIN SILENT IF SUBJECT IS RAISED. MINGAZZINI EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IRAN WOULD NOT BRING UPPERMANENT SITE ISSUE.

2. MINGAZZINI EXPRESSED RELIEF AT USG POSITION, WHICH PROVED UNFOUNDED NATURE OF RUMORS CIRCULATING AT THE UN TO THE EFFECT THAT USG HAD MADE SOME "DEAL" WITH IRAN ON PERMANENT SITE. THESE RUMORS HAD BEEN MAJORREASON FOR ITALIAN DIPLOMATIC MOVES TO ENLIST SUPPORT FOR ROME.

3. ON FUNDING, MINGAZZINI CHARACTERIZED INFORMATION (REFTEL B) ON POSSIBLE SAUDI ARABIAN PROPOSAL OF ADDITIONAL \$15 MILLION AS "VERY INTERESTING". PROBLEM, ACCORDING TO MINGAZZINI, WAS HOW GROUP I COUNTRIES SHOULD RESPOND TO SAUDI INITIATIVE PARTICULARLY SINCE OFFER MAY BE CONDITIONAL ON GROUP I PUTTING UP REMAINING \$15 MILLION. EMBOFF NOTED INABILITY OF USG TO INCREASE ITS OFFER; MINGAZZINI REAFFIRMED THAT ITALY ALSO UNABLE TO INCREASE ITS \$25 MILLION PLEDGE. MAJOR CANDIDATE FOR INCREASED CONTRIBUTION WAS FRANCE AND PERHAPS NORDIC COUNTRIES SUCH AS SWEDEN. MINGAZZINI PROMISED TO EXPLORE WITH HIS SUPERIORS THE POSSIBILITY OF A GOI APPROACH TO FRANCE; HOWEVER, HE SEEMED DOUBTFUL THAT ITALY WAS IN BEST POSITION TO BRING PRESSURE ON FRANCE TO INCREASE ITS CONTRIBUTION. BEAUDRY

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